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The best way to punish the brigands will be to cut off their missionary supply.

With Padewski's wife along, do the girls think his playing is quite as heavenly as it used to be?

They are going to levy a tax on novels in Paris. It might well be a prohibitive one on some of them.

As a rule, stockholders do not kick so long as the dividends hold out. Then they want to know, you know.

Another Spanish crisis has been averted by bucking the wheels that kept the Chamber of Deputies in motion.

New rules have been adopted for the government of golf tournaments this season. The game heretofore has been too exciting.

Mr. J. W. Happy has just been appointed postmaster at Mayfield, Ky. It ought to be easy for him to live up to the name now.

Burglars secured 15 cents in the safe of the Standard Oil Company at Saa Sone. Now watch the price of coal oil take an aerial voyage.

A new woman has been discovered in Chicago. The defendant in a divorce suit is described as a combination of vixen and angel.

The price of seats on the New York exchange has tumbled to \$60,000. This extravagant sum, however, secures only a way-back location.

Scientists tell us that another ice age is coming. As it is still several thousand years off there is no immediate cause for shivering.

Legislation is now sought to enable the owners of adjacent property to restrain the pasturing of bulls. This has the semblance of a bear movement.

The American Indian has not been completely civilized, but he rarely gets the worst of the bargain in exchanging his wares for the white man's wampum.

California prunes are to be utilized in the manufacture of vinegar. The fraternity of borders long ago sored on the prune, and now it proposes to sour back.

Hyphen is the name of one of the horses entered for the American Derby that are favorably regarded—presumably on the theory that it never falls to connect.

A New York man has been chosen as chief of the fire department at Manila. This is believed to be the forerunner of an Irish police force at the Philippine capital.

But little notice was taken in Holland of the anniversary of Queen Wilhelmina's wedding, and no reference to it whatever appeared in the leading Dutch papers. Why?

An explorer has found some close resemblance to that of the Dead Sea. Probably it represents the remains of some prehistoric joint.

The average number of inmates in Bellevue hospital, New York, is equal to that of a good-sized town—that is, it is from 2,000 to 3,000—and of these a good many are unable to help themselves.

Poor Lo, who once flourished a tomahawk, now meekly surrenders before the first click of the barber's shears, and yet there are some persons who do not approve of our methods of subjugating the Indian.

Snowballs extinguished a fire at Georgetown, Pa., and prevented the destruction of the entire village. The villagers probably will keep snow in tubs during the summer season for fire-fighting purposes.

With the football fiend, the empty pistol jobber, the thin-ice skater, the boat-rocking idiot, the kerosene fire-maker and the reckless counter-pounder, there would be great encouragement given the national census.

A man in Quincy, Ill., kicked at a cat and broke his own neck. The attempt merited some punishment, but we are disposed to consider this a trifle too severe. A broken leg or an arm would have proved a sufficient lesson.

Now that Lydell has been found to have remarkable qualities that encourage friendly vessels 2,000 yards away from the enemy's ships, it appears to us rather more of a boomerang than is ascribed in the gentle art of modern warfare.

The Granite Falls Tribune tells of a young man in that town who can drink half a pint of clear alcohol without a recess. One of these days there will be a flash of blue flame and that young man's relatives will have no funeral bill to pay.

An Ohio girl has secured a verdict calling for \$15,230 from a man who didn't keep his promise to become her lord and master. The Ohio girl seems to come high where she isn't wanted.

A Boston undertaker has written an emotional novel. The subjects on which an undertaker usually employs his art are apt to be rather reserved.

The man of 45 or over who thinks he is concealing the ravages of time by dyeing his hair and beard is making one of the mistakes of his life.

An eastern professor says the people of this country are working themselves to death. Has he ever looked around the office when a hand was marching down the street?

A Wisconsin steer was killed the other day, and one of its teeth was found to be encrusted with gold. That beats the familiar poultry story.

Trouble has again broken out in China. The old empire seems to have outlived its usefulness and ought to announce a quit-business sale.

## At Swords' Points; OR, A SOLDIER OF THE RHINE.

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CHAPTER XL.

At the Wolf's Head Drinking Fountain.

Even at the risk of being noticed by hostile eyes, Paul turned his head so that he might look into his companion's face.

"I see you, too, have met with an adventure, Karl," he muttered, once more scanning his paper, although the French words danced up and down before his eyes.

"Perhaps one could hardly call it by such a name, when compared with your double exploit," modestly. "But perhaps you can guess she is here in Metz."

"Beatriz, my sister?"

"Yes; and not alone. A sun accompanier here. I myself have seen her, and under conditions little short of tragic."

Paul breathed hard.

Already he had begun to find love in his long desolate heart for this pretty sister, and the thought of danger over-taking her aroused his spleen.

"Tell me what happened, brother," he muttered.

"It was last night. I had succeeded in gaining an entrance to the city, bringing with me three carrier pigeons belonging to a man within our lines, and which were to take my message in cipher to the general."

"While wandering around, picking up all the information possible, chance—no, it was a favor of Providence, threw me among a group of soldiers in one of the parks."

"They had been drinking to drown the impending war, and were in a condition far removed from the usually polite Frenchman."

"Enough to say they stopped two women who came from the direction of the hospital—I heard a scream, and forgot the danger I ran, for the voice was that of Beatriz."

"How many were there?"

"Some four or five."

"Excellent. And you put them to flight alone and unarmed?"

"Yes; and Beatriz was horrified at discovering my identity, though I believe, pleased to know that it was to a German arm she was indebted for the rescue."

"What of her companion?"

"She thanked me most sweetly. You remember what your mother looked like when as a child you saw her last. She is still the same, with a face purified by suffering, and a fear she is not long for this world. Her incessant labors in the field she has chosen have undermined her health. It may come back, but the chances are she will presently slip away from you all."

Somehow this gave Paul a shock, and he immediately resolved that he would seize the very first available opportunity to make his peace with the poor lady whose life history had been so sad.

"I must see her."

"When would you care to seek her?"

"Soon. This evening, if it is possible."

"Do you know the wolf's head fountain, down by the high wall yonder?"

"I drank there not an hour ago."

"It is well. Meet me there at nine to-night, and together we will seek those in whose interests we are so deeply concerned."

"Done! At nine, you say?"

"Yes; and now I am about to move off. Remember."

Paul counted the minutes until midnight.

A great yearning had come upon him to see his mother and reassure her that forgiveness had come at last—to take her weary form in his manly arms and look into the eyes that had wept so many tears of bitter regret.

Totally ignorant of the exciting events which this night of nights had in store for him, Paul sauntered in the direction of the little wolf's head drinking fountain that projected from the wall which he had agreed to as a rendezvous for meeting Karl.

As he drew near the drinking fountain he remembered that caution was an absolutely necessary adjunct to his mission. Keenly he surveyed each lounge in turn.

Fortunately the two comrades had arranged a crude system of signaling, based somewhat upon the code in use during their days at old Heidelberg, and by a cautious use of this Paul was at last enabled to clutch the hand of his comrade.

All seemed working well.

He found Karl somewhat worried under the belief that he was being watched.

"It might be imagination, but he feared that suspicions had arisen regarding his identity."

"Have news," he said, as their hands were pressed together.

"News—of Hildegarde?" demanded Paul.

"No. You know what we guessed was the reason for Conrad's being here?"

"Yes—a woman," replied Paul, quickly turning his head to look over his shoulder, as though the mention of the countess might cause her to appear.

"Well, she is in Metz, though I hope not within sound of my voice, and you may depend upon it just as much a factor in the game as ever. I saw her come out of the hospital, where your victim was being nursed, and the look on her face was worth studying."

"You give me a cold shiver, comrade. I fear no man alive, but heaven deliver me from such a woman. However, let us dismiss her from our minds. Tell me more about Hildegarde. Such a subject will take the bad taste from my mouth."

"Well, I have seen the young woman again and you may even have that pleasure to-night."

## Persons, Places and Things

NEW STYLE TURBINE DESTROYER.

Most Constructed in England; Yards, Largely as an Experiment.

There was launched on the Tyne recently a torpedo-boat destroyer which is designed especially for steam turbine machinery, being generally of the same type as the Viper and the Cobra. The new vessel is named the Valor, and has not been built by the order of any government. The hull has been constructed by Messrs. R. & W. Hawthorne, Leslie & Co., at their Hebburn yard on the Tyne, while the machinery has been made at the works of the Parsons Marine Steam Turbine Company at Wallsend-on-Tyne. The vessel is 210 feet long, twenty-one feet wide and twelve feet six inches mold depth. Special attention has been paid to the conditions necessary to secure longitudinal strength. The main propelling machinery consists of two independent sets of Parsons turbine engines, one high pressure engine and one low pressure engine being on each side of the vessel. This gives four turbines, each of which has its own line of shafting, and as each shaft carries two propellers, there are eight propellers in all—London Times.

EX-PENSION COMMISSIONER EVANS.

His Friends Expect Him to Be Given Important Foreign Mission.

United States Pension Commissioner Henry Clay Evans, who has filed his resignation with President Roosevelt, and whose friends predict an important foreign mission for him in the immediate future, has been a Tennessee Republican since the civil war, although he was born in Pennsylvania. He was twice Mayor of Chattanooga.

Large Funds for Ministers' Widows.

The rich churches of New York have inaugurated the custom of raising large funds for the benefit of the families of ministers who may die in the harness. When Dr. Babcock, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church, died in Italy, his congregation raised \$50,000 for his widow. A similar movement is on foot in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church for the benefit of Mrs. Purves, who was in charge of that church for a year or so. The sum set in this case is \$100,000.

ENGAGEMENT OF MISS ALICE HAY.

Daughter of the Secretary of State to Wed James Wadsworth.

Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay have formally announced the engagement of their youngest daughter, Miss Alice Hay, to James Wadsworth, son of Representative Wadsworth of Genesee, N. Y., and grandson of the late William Travers of New York.

Mr. Wadsworth was a classmate of Mr. Hay, the son of the Secretary of State, who was killed by accident. He is a member of the Metropolitan club and one of the best known men in Washington.

The marriage will take place in December. Miss Hay will join her sister in London soon and will spend most of the summer in Europe, where she will make many purchases for her trousseau.

PARIS LEADS IN NEWSPAPERS.

There are about 2,600 organs of the press in the French capital, 163 of which are political journals. Of political dailies in Paris there are 75, of tri-weeklies 1, of weeklies 73, of bi-monthlies 6, of monthlies 2 and of annuals 1.

Of the whole number 122 are Republican, 31 are Conservative and 10 can not be classified. The reviews number 10 weekly, 31 bi-monthly, 60 monthly, 16 quarterly, 28 are issued six times a year and 11 appear at irregular intervals. Napoleon suppressed several hundred newspapers, leaving only 13 in existence during his reign.

There are 500 papers in London.

A Doctor Condemns Limburger Cheese.

If the health officers of the different communities in the country continue their crusade many other materials besides whiskers will have to go. The latest move in the supposed interest of good health comes from Louisville, Ky., where Dr. M. K. Allen, the health officer, has issued an order that Limburger cheese shall not be sold. He says that any food with a flavor as strong as that which characterizes Limburger cheese cannot be wholesome. The German citizens have held an indignation meeting and a committee has been appointed to wait on the doctor to request him to rescind the order.

Unique Farewell Address.

In making his farewell address to the city council of Wilkesbarre, Pa., Mayor Francis M. Nichols said that the appointive power had made him thousands of enemies and that he finds himself "grossly deficient in ability to properly exercise the power." Mr. Nichols had been mayor of Wilkesbarre for 12 years.

At a Japanese Auction.

At a Japanese auction the public do not call out their bids, but write their names, together with the amount they are willing to pay, on a slip of paper, and put it in a box. These are looked through and the article awarded to the person who has made the biggest offer.

All Want First Page.

The first page of the Congressional Record is a place always coveted by members who deliver set speeches. Not a day passes but members appeal to the clerk who "makes up" the Record to see that their remarks get a showing upon the first page.

Reward for Explorer.

Savorgnan De Brazza, the Italian explorer in the service of the French government, is to be granted an annual pension of 10,000 francs—a reward for twenty years' service.

Father of Locomotive Building.

A monument to the memory of Matthias Baldwin, the father of the locomotive-building industry in this country and founder of the institution which bears his name, is to be erected in Philadelphia.

Besting the Bookmakers.

A clandestine betting agent of Paris, prosecuted for gambling, tells a singular story of how his customers swindled him. He said that the result of the races by pigeon post and then rushed to the agency station under the windows of a betting agency. Each horse in the race was represented by a tune and the winner was thus easily indicated, while an accomplice in the agency backed it before the bookmaker received his telegram giving the result of the race.

The Rochambeau Statue.

The statue to be erected at the capital in memory of Count de Rochambeau, the gallant Frenchman who fought for the struggling colonies, is the design of a young French sculptor, Hamar. It represents the field marshal in his uniform, standing with one arm outstretched, as though in protection of the whole world.

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC EYE

HAS WON FAME AS A DIPLOMAT.

Charles Monroe Dickinson, United States Agent at Sofia.

Charles Monroe Dickinson, whom the Bulgarian government has declined to recognize because of his attitude in the Stone case, has won the admiration of every European diplomat in the East during his five years' service there. He was appointed consul general at Sofia in 1901.

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## Current News and Views

FRENCH STATESMAN IN TROUBLE.

Seigneur Mathias, the Minister of Justice for a Month.

M. Callaux, the French minister of finance, had a curious adventure in Paris one evening recently. He was invited to dine with his colleague, the minister of marine, whose residence is opposite the ministry of finance on the other side of the Louvre. As he was late he took a short cut through the garden, but found the gate locked and that he had forgotten the key. M. Callaux is an excellent gymnast, and proceeded to scale the railing. He had just got on the top when he was spotted by the vigilant sentry, who seized him with his bayonet. His assertion that he was the minister of justice was received with scorn, and his transfer to the guard house as a burglar was only prevented by the arrival of the minister of marine, who rescued him from the soldier.

IS GREAT-GRANDMOTHER AT 45.

Mrs. Minnie Davis of Omaha. Married at 12, she was a mother at 14, a grandmother at 23 and at 45 a great-grandmother. Mrs. Davis is a native of Boston and has lived in Nebraska since 1884. Her first child, now Mrs. Ellis of Council Bluffs, born when her mother was 14, was married when 15 and had a daughter a year later. This daughter at 16 became Mrs. Rigby of